

on account of not having sufficient trans-shipment hubs. However, the objective is to reduce the transaction cost for Indian trade. Under the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP), a total of 276 projects have been identified including projects for deepening of channels and development of container terminals/berths in various Major Ports to be taken up for implementation over the period upto 2011-12. This is a part of an on-going process keeping in view the demands of the maritime trade.

Development of Ports in Kerala

2537. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) while the fast development of Kochi Port including the two areas Vallarpadam and Puduvypeen are welcome, what are the reasons for the same tempo missing in developing Colachal and Cuddalore ports;

(b) the bottlenecks in speeding up the development of these ports if there are any bottlenecks when they can be got over and the development can go at good speed; and

(c) would there be a time frame to complete the development of these ports entirely?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Development of ports is an on-going process keeping in view the demands of maritime trade. While developing the major ports including Cochin Port, the Central Government's endeavour is to encourage the process of development of the non-major ports, which are under the jurisdiction of respective State Governments including Colachal and Cuddalore ports in the State of Tamil Nadu.

NH from Delhi-Haridwar

†2538. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of construction work of four lane road on National Highway from Delhi to Haridwar

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